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Recognition of the Phi Kappa Sigma UH Chapter

Whereas, Phi Kappa Sigma International Fraternity was founded on August 16th, 1850 by Dr. Samuel Brown Wylie Mitchell at the University of Pennsylvania;

Whereas, Phi Kappa Sigma held its first convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on August 9th, 1854;

Whereas, Phi Kappa Sigma voted against being an all-white fraternity since before the American Civil War in 1859, calling for an inclusive fraternity that makes members "MEN of HONOR";

Whereas, the Statement of Core Values of Phi Kappa Sigma International Fraternity were adopted in the year 2000 during the 90th Grand Chapter in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In which the values are Trust, Honor, Respect, Knowledge, Wisdom, Responsibility, and Integrity;

Whereas, the Doctrine of Excellence of Phi Kappa Sigma was written and adopted in 2004 by the undergraduate body at the 92nd Grand Chapter in Chicago, Illinois. In which what it means to have "excellence" was defined for the fraternity;

Whereas, the Phi Kappa Sigma International Fraternity celebrated their 101st Grand Chapter in Fort Worth, Texas in 2023;

Whereas, Phi Kappa Sigma International Fraternity has more than 35,000 alumni across the U.S. and international territories;

Whereas, being a Phi Kapp is one way of demonstrating one's focus on soft skill development like, interpersonally, management, and leadership skills by taking part in the variety of institutes and/or betterment programs the fraternity offers to its members;

Whereas, Phi Kappa Sigma International Fraternity respects, seeks out, and values diverse traditions, heritages, backgrounds, and experiences. Through communication, education and reflection, Phi Kappa Sigma cultivates equity-minded leaders who champion diversity and inclusion throughout its membership because it is through that strength of diversity and inclusion, and equitable practices that we truly become "Men of Honor";

Whereas, Phi Kappa Sigma International Fraternity allows its members to build personal development, professional development, and obtain scholarship opportunities;

Whereas, Phi Kappa Sigma International Fraternity supports blood cancer organizations and research initiatives to end blood cancer. The men of Phi Kappa Sigma strive for setting a high bar for themselves or blazing a new trail for others. Community service, charity, and philanthropy are often used interchangeably, but Phi Kappa Sigma sees a difference between the three;

Whereas, Phi Kappa Sigma University of Houston Colony was established in Fall of 2023 by five members with the support of Phi Kappa Sigma International Fraternity Consultant, Phi Kappa Sigma Chapter Advisor, and our Phi Kappa Sigma UH Staff Advisor;

Whereas, the Phi Kappa Sigma UH Chapter Founding Fathers are the honorable President Nabeel Hussaini, Vice-President Nick DeVito, Secretary Jesus Nieto, Treasurer Jonathan Franco, & Mano Choi;

Whereas, the Phi Kappa Sigma UH Chapter is dedicated in following its mission and principles to establish opportunities for all members;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Student Government Association of the University of Houston:


Recognizes Phi Kappa Sigma at the University of Houston being a valuable student organization for its efforts in increasing student involvement, leadership opportunities, philanthropy, and professional development for its members;

Be it further resolved, the Center of Fraternity and Sorority Life (CFSL) recognize Phi Kappa Sigma as a chapter at the University of Houston;

Be it further resolved, the Center of Fraternity and Sorority Life should act on placing Phi Kappa Sigma on its University of Houston CFSL website under all fraternities;

Be it further resolved, the Center of Fraternity and Sorority Life proceed in adding Phi Kappa Sigma on its "Fraternities & Sororities at the University of Houston" wall;

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the 61st Student Government Association supports Phi Kappa Sigma in being recognized as a fraternity by the Center of Fraternity and Sorority Life and a great organization at the University of Houston.



Sebastian Ballesteros
Speaker of the Senate

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